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Report from Tampico—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stowe reports, May 13:

Week ended May 12.

Vessels inspected and passed.....	4
Bills of health issued.....	4
Members of crews inspected.....	118
Passengers inspected.....	5
Vessels fumigated.....	1

No cases of quarantinable diseases occurred during the period named. Sanitary condition of port good.

Report from Veracruz—No contagious diseases present—Smallpox at Puebla.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports, May 10:

Week ended May 9. No contagious diseases were reported during the week. At Puebla, about 12 hours' journey from Veracruz, smallpox is reported with a large number of deaths.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port—Stegomyia—Sanitary conditions at Prinzapulca.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports:

Week ended May 5. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week good.

There is a scarcity of rainwater, and therefore of drinking water. Recent showers were insufficient to insure against water famine. *Stegomyia* are present in considerable numbers.

Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 1	Marietta di Georgio.....	New Orleans.....	19	5	0

Temperature of all on board above-named vessel taken at hour of departure.

Conditions at Prinzapulca, Nicaragua.—During the week I visited the village of Prinzapulca, on the Caribbean Sea, 90 miles north of Bluefields. All passengers from the Pis Pis goldfields for the United States must pass through Prinzapulca on their way here for embarkation.

Communication between Bluefields and Prinzapulca is maintained by a weekly schooner service, and between Prinzapulca and the mines by pitpans up the Prinzapulca and Banbana rivers. The village is built on an extremely low, flat strip of land, only a few inches above

the low sea and river level, and during the rainy season is constantly under water. Drainage is impossible. Filth and drift from the river and sea strand there and remain, without any attempt at removal. The town faces on the north, the south bank of the Prinzapulca; on the east, the Caribbean Sea; on the south and west, long stretches of swampy country. The population numbers at present about 250 negroes, Indians, Spaniards, and white foreigners. The drinking water supply consisted, at the time of my visit, of one half-empty cistern reserved for foreigners, and a few half-dry wells, the water in which was unfit for use. Dysentery and malaria are wide-spread in the small community. Mosquitoes are reported to be numerous. Larvæ were found in great quantities in nearly every water container, and included many of the *Stegomyia calopus*.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Smallpox—Status of cholera in the provinces—Quarantine against plague-infected ports in China—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, March 29 and April 13:

Week ended March 27^a. Quarantinable disease reported for the city of Manila: Smallpox, 8 cases.

Cholera cases and deaths reported to the bureau of health during the week:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bohol.....	32	20
Capiz.....	29	13
Pampanga.....	5	4
Cagayan.....	2
Negros Occidental.....	61	7
Total.....	129	44

Quarantine against plague-infected ports in China.—In view of the appearance of plague in more or less epidemic form in the coast cities of China, it was deemed advisable to enforce this year the same regulations which have obtained heretofore with regard to the arrival of steerage passengers from Amoy and vicinity.

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows: March 26, the British steamship *Schuytkill*, with 48 in crew and 1 passenger, en route from Cebu to Boston and New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo; March 26 the American barkentine *S. N. Castle*, copra laden, with 12 in crew, granted a bill of health for San Francisco. All persons on board inspected at the hour of sailing; March 27 the German steamship *Tringgannu*, with 60 crew and 1 passenger, en route from Singapore to Zamboanga, granted a supplemental bill of health.

Week ended April 10. Smallpox, 27 cases, 1 death.

^a Received out of date.